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7. MILITIA ANNIVERSARY--STANGELY LOW KEY

CHAIRMAN MAO'S SEPTEMBER 29, 1958 CALL TO BUILD UP THE MILITIA WAS OBSERVED IN A MUCH LOWER KEY MANNER THAN LAST YEAR. PEOPLE'S DAILY FAILED TO OBSERVE THE ANNIVERSARY; BY CONTRAST, IT DEVOTED A FULL PAGE OF ARTICLES AND PHOTOS TO THE MILITIA LAST YEAR.

ALSO LAST YEAR, PROVINCIAL RALLIES WERE HELD ON THE ANNIVERSARY; THIS YEAR, MOST PROVINCES SIMPLY RAN BROADCASTS ON MILITIA-BUILDING, AND SOME DID NOT EVEN MENTION THE ANNIVERSARY. MOREOVER, MOST BROADCASTS OMITTED REFERENCE TO THE SHANGHAI MILITIA, WHICH HAS BEEN THE MODEL FOR MILITIA BUILDING SINCE 1973. THIS LOWERING OF PUBLIC ATTENTION TO THE MILITIA BEARS WATCHING, FOR IT COMES AT A TIME WHEN PRC LEADERS HAVE CALLED FOR GREATER EMPHASIS ON MILITARY PROFESSIONALISM AND TRAINING (HK 11018), AND THE PRC'S MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT HAS NOT BEEN KNOWN IN THE PAST TO SHARE THE CHAIRMAN'S ENTHUSIASM FOR MILITIA BUILDING. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

8. UNITED STATES

NCNA INTERRUPTED ITS NORMAL OCTOBER 5 NEWS TRANSMISSION TO INSERT THE OCTOBER 6 DATELINED ANNOUNCEMENT OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S PROPOSED OCTOBER 19-23 VISIT. IN OTHER SINO-AMERICAN ITEMS, NCNA REPORTED THE OCTOBER 1 CELEBRATIONS IN THE US BY BOTH THE CHINESE LIAISON OFFICE AND THE US-CHINA PEOPLE'S FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK AND THE OCTOBER 6 PEKING BANQUET FOR THE VISITING US WORLD AFFAIRS ORGANIZATIONS DELEGATION HEADED BY CYRUS VANCE. (NCNA, OCTOBER 3-6) UNCLASSIFIED

9. YUGOSLAV PRIME MINISTER VISITS CHINA

ON OCTOBER 6, NPC CHAIRMAN CHU TEH AND VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAOPING TURNED OUT TO WELCOME DZEMAL BIJEDIC, WHO ARRIVED FROM HANOI, THE FIRST YUGOSLAV PRIME MINISTER AND HIGHEST-RANKING BEL- CONFIDENTIAL

GRADE OFFICIAL TO VISIT THE PRC. HIS VISIT ATTESTS TO THE RECENT WAMING TREND IN SINO-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS, BUT THE INITIAL ROUND OF BANQUET SPEECHES SERVED TO HIGHLIST DIFFERENCES THAT WILL KEEP PEKING AND BELGRADE APART. IN A STRONG ANTI-SOVIET SPEECH THAT PROMPTED A WALKOUT OF THE SOVIETS AND GUESTS FROM SIX OTHER SOVIET BLOC COUNTRIES, TENG PRAISED YUGOSLAVIAN PURSUIT OF AN INDEPENDENT POSTURE AND POLICY OF NON-ALIGNMENT WHILE CONDEMNING THE UNNAMED SOVIETS AS THE SOURCE OF THE GROWING DANGER OF A NEW WORLD WAR. ON THEIR PART, THE YUGOSLAV PRIME MINISTER NOTED THAT THE FORCES OF PEACE WERE ON THE INCREASE AND GAVE APPROVAL TO THE POLICIES OF DETENTE AND NEGOTIATION, MENTIONING SPECIFICALLY THE HELSINKI SIGNING OF THE CSCE AND THE INTERIM SINAI AGREEMENT. ALTHOUGH AP REPORTS

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FROM BELGRADE CLAIM BIJEDIC HAS MET WITH PRIME MINISTER CHOU EN-LAI, THE PRC MEDIA HAS NOT REPORTED SUCH A MEETING. NCNA, HOWEVER, HAS REPORTED BIJEDIC'S OCTOBER 7 MEETING WITH TENG BUT FAILED TO CHARACTERIZE THE CONVERSATION. (NCNA, OCTOBER 5-7) (HK11937) LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

10. SOUTH ASIA

ONE DAY AFTER PAKISTAN AND BANGLADESH (BD) REPRESENTATIVES AT THE UNITED NATIONS ISSUED A JOINT STATEMENT ANNOUNCING THE DECISION TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AT THE AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL, PEKING FOLLOWED SUIT. THE PRC AND BD FOREIGN MINISTERS SIGNED A JOINT COMMUNIQUE ON OCTOBER 4 IN NEW YORK, MAKING BD THE 103RD COUNTRY TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC LINKS WITH THE PRC. A PEOPLE'S DAILY EDITORIAL OF OCTOBER 8 HAILING THE EVENT REFERRED TO RECENT POLITICAL CHANGES IN DACCA AND ADDED THAT THE EXISTENCE OF A "GENUINELY NON-ALIGNED" BD WILL "SURELY BE CONDUCIVE TO SAFEGUARDING PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE SOUTH ASIAN SUBCONTINENT AND IN ASIA." VICE-PREMIER CHEN HSI-LIEN, WHO TRAVELLED TO URUMCHI FOR CELEBRATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH NATIONAL DAY AND THE 26TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE SINKIANG UIGHUR AUTONOMOUS REGION, WAS MORE EXPLICIT REGARDING TO CHINA'S CONCERN WITH INDO-SOVIET INFLUENCE AND PEACE IN THE REGION. AT AN OCTOBER 1 RALLY, HE PAID TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO HAVE "REPEATEDLY FRUSTRATED SUBVERSION, SABOTAGE AND ARMED INVASION BY SOVIET REVISIONIST SOCIAL-IMPERIALISM AND HAVE BEATEN OFF ARMED ATTACKS BY THE INDIAN EXPANSIONISTS." TWO DAYS LATER, ALONG WITH OTHER CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES ON CHINA'S NATIONAL DAY, CONFIDENTIAL

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NCNA CARRIED THE INDICAN PRIME MINISTER'S GREETINGS. AS IN 1974, MR. GAHDHI'S CABLE WAS A BRIEF, ONE SENTENCE MESSAGE. (NCNA OCTOBER 1-8) UNCLASSIFIED

1. JAPAN

ACCORDING TO NEWS REPORTS, PRC VICE-PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING, IN HIS OCTOBER 3 MEETING WITH THE VISITING FORMER JAPANESE FONMIN ZENTARO KOSAKA, MAINTAINED THAT CHINA WILL NOT YEILD ON THE ISSUE OF INCORPORATING AN ANTI-HEGEMONY CLAUSE IN THE PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP TREATY (PFT) WITH JAPAN AND EXPRESSED DISPLEASURE WITH THE ATTITUDE OF FON MIN MIYAZAWA INHIS NEW YORK TALKS WITH THIS PRC COUNTERPART AND HIS SUBSEQUENT "MISLEADING" COMMENTS TO THE PRESS. REPORTS FROM TOKYO HOWEVER INDICATE THAT THE CHIAO-MIYAZAWA TALKS DID MAKE SOME PROGRESS TOWARD RESOLUTION OF THE HEGOMONY ISSUE AND THE CONCLUSION OF THE PFT.

12. MEANWHILE,POLITBURO MEMBER YAO WEN-YUAN USED AN OCTOBER 5 MEETING WITH A VISITING DELEGATION OF THE JAPAN-CHINA CULTURAL EXCHANGE ASSOCIATION TO DENOUNCE A RECENT ARTICLE IN THE SOVIET PARTY JOURNAL KOMMUNIST BY SOVIET FON MIN GROMYKO REJECTING JAPAN'S CLAIMS TO THE NORTHERN TERRITORIES AS "GROUNDLESS".

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ACCORDING TO NEWS REPORTS, YAO CONTENDED THAT THE GROMYKO ARTICLE OPENLY REFLECTED SOVIET HEGEMONISM, AND HE CHARGED THE SOVIETS WITH INTERFERING WITH THE CONCLUSION OF THE SINO-JAPAN PFT NEGOTIATIONS. THUS FAR, PRC MEDIA HAVE REFRAINED FROM COMMENTING DIRECTLY ON THE ARTICLE, BUT NCNA HAS REPORTED JAPANESE CRITICISM OF THE GROMYKO STATEMENT. (KYOTO NEWS AGENY, OCTOBER 3 AND 7) CONFIDENTIAL

13. THE UNITED NATIONS

PRC MEDIA CONTINUED TO CARRY REPORTS ON THE CURRENT UNGA SESSIONS AND FONMIN CHIAO KUAN-HUA'S ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS WITH OTHER FOREIGN LEADERS, PARTICULAR ATTENTION WAS PAID TO THE ARRIVAL OF PRINCE SIHANOUK AND CHIAO'SC ALL ON HIM. NCNA REPORTED HUANG HUA'S RATHER PRO-FORMA CONDEMNATION OF THE "UNJUSTIFIABLE" VETO OF THE TWO VIETNAMS' BID FOR UN MEMBERSHIP. NCNA ALSO CARRIED THE FULL TEXT OF A PEOPLE'S DAILY COMMENTATOR ARTICLE OF

OCTOBER 8 CASTIGATING SOVIET FONMIN GROMYKO'S UNGA SPEECH CONFIDENTIAL

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AS ANOTHER EMPTY SOVIET GESTURE AT DISARMAMENT. (NCNA, OCTOBER 1-8) LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

14. TAIWAN: "US-CHIANG ARMED AGENTS"

IN A SEPTEMBER 27 SPEECH TO 65 OF THE PARDONED "US-CHIANG ARMED AGENTS" (WR 40) YU SANG OF THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SECURITY STATED THAT THE MEN WOULD BE LEAVING FOR TAIWAN AFTER THE PRC NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS AND SEVERAL HONG KONG NON-COMMUNIST PAPERS HAVE SPECULATED THAT THE MEN WILL BE ARRIVING HERE IN TIME FOR THE GRC NATIONAL DAY FESTIVITIES ON OCTOBER 10. WITH PEKING'S LATEST UNITED FRONT OFFENSIVE UNDERWAY, THE LOCAL PRC-OWNED NEWSPAPERS (OCTOBER 5) HAVE FEATURED A TWO-PAGE SPREAD GIVING THE NAMES, PHOTOS AND PARTICULARS OF THE 65 MEN, AT LEAST TWO OF WHOM ARE FORMER RESIDENTS OF THE HONG KONG-MACAU AREA. HOWEVER, IN CONTRAST WITH TAIWAN'S TREATMENT OF THE TEN EX-KMT WAR CRIMINALS" AMNESTIED BY THE PRC IN APRIL, THIS TIME TAIPEI MAY SEEK TO TAKE SOME OF THE STEAM OUT OF PEKINGS'S PROPAGANDA OFFENSIVE BY ACCEPTING THE MEN. ACCORDING TO NEWS REPORTS, TAIWAN'S CENTRAL BROADCAST STATION HAS STATED THAT RECEPTION CENTERS ARE BEING SET UP ON QUEMOY, MATSU, TUNG YIN AND ERH TAN ISLANDS TO RECEIVE THE MEN. HOWEVER, A SIGNED ARTICLE IN THE PRC-OWNED TA KUNG PAO IN HONG KONG CONTENDED THAT SUCH A "WELCOME" ONLY SHOWS HOW UNWELCOME THE MEN WILL BE. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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